

Chlorpyrifos

Administrator Pruitt, during your testimony to our subcommittee you stated that the USDA had a differing opinion from the EPA's scientists on the dangers of chlorpyrifos. You sided with the USDA in that disagreement when you rejected the petition to revoke food tolerances of chlorpyrifos.

Question: What scientific evidence and peer-reviewed studies were the basis of the USDA's conclusions? Do they have data that shows there is a safe level of exposure to chlorpyrifos, particularly for children and pregnant women? Who determined that the USDA's science is more reliable or valid than the EPA's, and what process or standards did they use to come to that conclusion?

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Question: The EPA has historically consulted with the USDA on pesticide related issues, but your testimony indicated that the USDA now has the power to overturn the conclusions of the Agency's own scientists. Has the USDA been elevated to the role of overseeing any decisions on pesticides under the Trump Administration? If so, who issued and approved of this guidance.

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Question: The mission of the USDA is very different from the mission of the EPA. The USDA's mission is to provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural

development, nutrition, and related issues. The EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment. Is the protection of human health and the environment still the mission that is guiding decisions on pesticide use under your leadership?

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